



ROAD TEST

Information and Procedures

**Preparing for your
Operator's License skills
test**

new

**Schedule
your test
online.**



Scheduling Your Test Online.



Road Test Self-Scheduling

We are happy to now offer the convenience to self-schedule and modify your appointment online from your home computer or mobile device. This service may only be accessed from the RI DMV website located at the following address:

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For the best selection of locations, dates, and times we recommend you schedule your appointment as far in advance as possible. To schedule your appointment you will need to have the following items ready:

- **Your valid learner’s permit**
- **A printer (to print receipt if desired)**
- **A major Credit Card (if fee is applicable)**

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Cancelling or Re-Scheduling

Permit holders may also use this service to cancel and/ or re-schedule existing appointments at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled appointment time without incurring any additional fees.

NOTE: Road tests cancelled less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled date and time will be considered a late cancellation and will require payment for another appointment.

Build Your Driving Skills

With a Limited Instructional Permit, you can practice driving under the supervision of a properly licensed driver who has held a license for at least five (5) years and is twenty-one (21) years of age or older. The licensed driver must be sitting beside you at all times. The licensed driver is legally responsible for any driving violation you may commit.

You and all passengers must wear a safety belt or be in a child restraint system as required by law.

Individuals under the age of 18 must hold a Limited Instructional Permit for at least six (6) months and have at least 50 hours of supervised driving experience (with ten of those hours at night) before they can take a Rhode Island DMV road test. A Signed and notarized affidavit verifying that this 50 hour requirement has been met will be required prior to license issuance.

Individuals over the age of 18 must hold a Learner's Permit for at least one (1) month. While not required by law, we highly recommend that they have the same 50 hours of supervised driving experience before taking the Rhode Island DMV road test.

A driver is more apt to perform the way they practice. Learning only from a family member or close friend may introduce you to bad habits that the family member or friend may have learned or adapted on his or her own. You should drive with as many different supervising drivers as possible to gain as much experience as possible.

Be Prepared on the Day of Your Test

Applicant Requirements

- ☐ Original permit. (photocopies are not acceptable)
- ☐ Completed [“Application for License, Identification Card and Permits \(LI-1\)”](#) form (required for first license issuance) *If under 18 years of age and applying for a first license, the LI-1 form must be notarized if parent/guardian is not present or has a different last name than the applicant.
- ☐ Licensed driver/supervising driver must accompany the applicant (out-of-state license is acceptable).
- ☐ Signed and notarized affidavit of 50 hours driving experience required for all drivers under 18 years of age. ¹

Vehicle Requirements

- ☐ Must have a valid **RHODE ISLAND** registration.

The only exceptions are as follows:

1. If the vehicle is registered to a military person or a family member of a military person stationed in RI. (valid military ID is required)
 2. A driving school with a valid out-of-state registration, must have current special RI Financial Responsibility Insurance Certificate (GU-1338b) on file with RI DMV. A copy of this form must also be presented to the examiner at the Road Test site.
- ☐ Proof of valid, current Rhode Island insurance – identification card. (photocopies are acceptable)
 - ☐ Vehicle owner/lessee must be present. If the registered owner of the vehicle is not present, a notarized letter allowing use of the vehicle is required. (letter from the owner/corporate officer of a corporation, if a corporate vehicle). ¹

Additional Requirements

☐ The vehicle must pass a visual pre-trip safety inspection. The Road Test Examiner will conduct a vehicle safety inspection. The following items are part of the Safety Inspection:

- **Valid RI Inspection Sticker²**
- **Directional lights**
- **Headlights**
- **Brake lights**
- **Hazard lights**
- **Tires**
- **SRS (airbag) Light**
- **ABS Light**
- **Aftermarket window tinting**

☐ Applicant must be completely familiar with all vehicle controls.

☐ All instructions will be given in English.
(Lists of terms used during the test are available.)¹

☐ No rental vehicles are allowed for the road test.

☐ No pets allowed in the vehicle used for the road test.

☐ No passengers (other than DMV Examiners) allowed in the vehicle during the road test.

¹ Form available at :

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² Vehicles less than 2 years old with less than 24,000 miles are exempt from this requirement

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